

2624/\$  
PATENT  
450100-03057

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

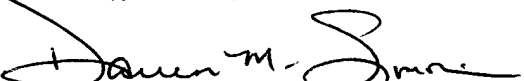
Applicant(s) : Takahiro FUKUHARA et. al.  
Serial No. : 09/803,404  
For : **PICTURE ENCODING METHOD AND APPARATUS**  
Filed : March 9, 2001  
Examiner : W. Chen  
Art Unit : 2624

745 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10151  
Tel. (212) 588-0800

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with  
The United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope  
addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 3, 2004

Darren M. Simon, Reg. No. 47,946

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant, Assignee or Registered Representative

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
September 3, 2004

Date of Signature

**RECEIVED**

SEP 10 2004

Technology Center 2600

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action which issued May 24, 2004, please consider  
the following amendment to the above-referenced application.